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LOK SABHA

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CARS ILLEGALLY FITTED WITH LPG KITS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of cars are illegally fitted with LPG kits in Rajasthan and various other States ; and

(b) if so, the action being taken by the Government in this regard in order to save the consumers interest from the shortage of LPG ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) : Some instances of people using unauthorised LPG kits in vehicles, which are being run on domestic LPG cylinders, in various States, including Rajasthan, have come to the notice of the Government.

(b) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that they are adequately meeting the demand for LPG of their domestic consumers. To prevent the use of domestic LPG cylinders in vehicles for auto-fuel purpose, Government have taken following measures :-

(i) LPG (Regulation of Supply and distribution) Order, 2000 has been promulgated making it illegal to use domestic LPG cylinders for unauthorised purposes.

(ii) LPG (Regulation of Use in Motor Vehicles) Order, 2001 permits only fixed LPG fuel tanks to be used in vehicles.

(iii) Under the provisions of these Orders, State Governments are empowered to take action against the erring users of domestic LPG cylinders for unauthorised purpose.

(iv) The officials of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) carry out random checks, at distributors' godown, delivery points, as well as enroute, to check diversion.

(v) Action against erring distributors is taken in terms of Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG) / Distributorship Agreement.

(vi) Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, as well as State Level Coordinators of OMCs, have written to the respective State Governments to conduct checks and organize raids so as to detect and prevent unauthorized use of domestic LPG for auto fuel purposes.

(vii) Refill supplies to distributors are being regulated based on historical consumption patterns.

(viii) A joint press advertisement has been released in October, 2004 in cities having Auto LPG Dispensing Stations (ALDS) informing the public about the safety hazards associated with the use of domestic LPG cylinders as auto fuel and urging the customers to use auto LPG available at ALDS.